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FEDERAL ENERGY REGULATORY COMMISSION

ORPC Maine, LLC

Project No. 14331-000

NOTICE OF PRELIMINARY PERMIT APPLICATION ACCEPTED FOR FILING
AND SOLICITING COMMENTS, MOTIONS TO INTERVENE, AND COMPETING
APPLICATIONS

On December 2, 2011, ORPC Maine, LLC filed an application for a preliminary permit, pursuant to section 4(f) of the Federal Power Act (FPA), proposing to study the feasibility of the Lubec Narrows Tidal Energy Project to be located in Lubec Narrows and Johnson Bay, near the Town of Lubec, Washington County, Maine. The sole purpose of a preliminary permit, if issued, is to grant the permit holder priority to file a license application during the permit term. A preliminary permit does not authorize the permit holder to perform any land-disturbing activities or otherwise enter upon lands or waters owned by others without the owners' express permission.

The proposed project would consist of: (1) 10 RivGenTM hydrokinetic tidal devices each measuring 39 feet long, 4.9 feet high, and 4.9 feet wide, and consisting of a bottom support frame and a single 60-kilowatt turbine-generator unit for a total capacity of 600 kilowatts; (2) a new 866-foot-long, 13-kilovolt subsea transmission cable; (3) a new 208-foot-long or 540-foot-long, 13-kilovolt transmission line connecting to an existing distribution system; and (4) appurtenant facilities. The estimated annual generation of the proposed project would be 540 to 1,080 megawatt-hours.

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Deadline for filing comments, motions to intervene, competing applications (without notices of intent), or notices of intent to file competing applications: 60 days from the issuance of this notice. Competing applications and notices of intent must meet the requirements of 18 CFR 4.36. Comments, motions to intervene, notices of intent, and competing applications may be filed electronically via the Internet. See 18 CFR 385.2001(a)(1)(iii) and the instructions on the Commission's website <http://www.ferc.gov/docs-filing/efiling.asp>. Commenters can submit brief comments up to 6,000 characters, without prior registration, using the eComment system at <http://www.ferc.gov/docs-filing/ecomment.asp>. You must include your name and contact

information at the end of your comments. For assistance, please contact FERC Online Support at FERCOnlineSupport@ferc.gov or toll free at 1-866-208-3676, or for TTY, (202) 502-8659. Although the Commission strongly encourages electronic filing, documents may also be paper-filed. To paper-file, mail an original and seven copies to: Kimberly D. Bose, Secretary, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, NE, Washington, DC 20426.

More information about this project, including a copy of the application, can be viewed or printed on the "eLibrary" link of Commission's website at <http://www.ferc.gov/docs-filing/elibrary.asp>. Enter the docket number (P-14331) in the docket number field to access the document. For assistance, contact FERC Online Support.

Dated: January 30, 2012

Kimberly D. Bose,
Secretary.

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